	Name of the State/Union Territory	No. of units as on 30.4.2000
25	CHANDIGARH	3041
26	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	971
27	DELHI	25339
28	GOA	5890
29	LAKSHADWEEP	416
30	MIZORAM	4359
31	PONDICHERRY	4887
32	DAMAN & DIU	1517
ALL	INDIA TOTAL:	2549623

Production Growth Rate of SSI

†615. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the production growth rate of the Small Scale Units in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether production growth rate has been found below or above the target;

(c) in what manner Government are promoting the Small Scale entrepreneurs to increase their production and improve the quality; and

(d) whether Government are assisting them to export their products and in searching market in the foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The production growth rates in SSI sector have been 12.73% in 1997-98, 13.40% in 1998-99 and 9.66% in 1999-2000 (based on estimated growth rate for the first two quarters). Ninth Plan documents has not fixed any targets in terms of growth rate but it gives target of production in the base year 1996-97 and in the terminal year of the Plan (2000-2001), which are Rs. 4,12,636 crores and Rs. 7,25,500 crores respectively giving an annual compound rate of growth of 11.93% at current

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

prices. Thus production growth rate in the SSI sector has been than the target fixed for 1997-98 and 1998-99 and lower for 1999-2000.

(c) The Government have been operating many schemes to encourage the small scale entrepreneurs to increase their production and improve the quality. These include Technology Development and Modernization Fund Scheme and Upgradation of Technology (UPTECH) scheme for technological upgradation, Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme for market development, Integrated Insfrastructure Development (IID) scheme for infrastructure development, entrepreneurship development, and creation of IT infrastructure. In order to improve the quality, apart from providing facilities through Tool Room, Testing Centres, Product-*cum*-Process Development Centres, financial assistance is provided on acquiring ISO 9000 certification. In addition, several measures have been announced in the Union Budget 2000-2001 to improve supply of credit to this sector. These include raising the limit of loans without collaterals from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh, doubling the quantum of single window composite loans (both term loan and working capital) from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs, extending Technology Development and Modernization Fund Scheme by another three years and Credit Guarantee Scheme for loans upto Rs. 10 lakhs to tiny sector entrepreneurs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Details on Satellites

616. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Satellites sent to Space and the rate of success;

(b) the number of Satellites are working for the purpose of Defence, Communication and Weather etc.;

(c) the life span of each Satellites; and

(d) the total amount so far spent on Satellite and rockets?